

one described by Welwitsch. The plant is about the size of the huckleberry and favors about the same sort of soil and location. The fruit is the size of a small apple and some have a decidedly pleasant taste. In its wild state the plant is killed down every year by the fires, so I think it could be grown anywhere in the south where the ground does not freeze." (Ennis.) For distribution later.

ASPARAGUS SP. (Convallariaceae.) 30953. Rhizomes from Tchoß, Tekes Valley, Thian Shan, Chinese Turkestan. Altitude 4300 feet. "A wild asparagus, of climbing habits, growing from eight to fifteen feet in length. Found between Berberis bushes. The young sprouts are eaten as a spring vegetable. Of value possibly as an ornamental plant in northern regions for several purposes; viz., as a bower plant, as living festoons of small dimensions, as a porch climber and as cut greens for decorative work." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

CERATONIA SILIQUA. (Caesalpinaceae.) 30914-919. Scions of the carob from Valencia, Spain. Received through Mr. Robert Frazer, Jr., American Consul. 30914. Matalafera. The variety now most extensively cultivated around Valencia, having deep chestnut colored fruit of large size and excellent appearance, but inferior to the red fruited varieties in weight and amount of pulp. The most constant and abundant cropper of the Valencia carobs. 30915. Casuda, the most appreciated of Valencia carobs, having long, wide and thick reddish chestnut colored fruit and abundant white pulp. Very uncertain cropper. 30916. Red flowered male. Smaller and more delicate than the next, but very floriferous. The flowers, however, frequently fall before fertilization is possible. 30917. Yellow flowered male. A vigorous tree, which when grafted on female stock requires frequent pruning to keep in check. 30918. Roya vera. A large tree, producing a steady, constant and abundant crop of light red fruits well scattered over the tree. It is preferred to No. 30915, although of poorer quality, because of its crop producing ability. 30919. The hermaphrodite carob. This tree with bi-sexual flowers produces fruit of such inferior quality that they are rejected by cattle accustomed to other carobs. It has the advantage of not requiring grafting and the fruits adhere so firmly to the tree as never to be swept off by high winds before maturity as often happens in the case of other carobs. The coarse fruit is usually exported and is soaked in sea water en route to increase palatability. (Notes abstracted from report of Mr. Frazer.) All for distribution later.

CITRUS SP. (Rutaceae.) 30737. Seeds of lemon from the Salvation Army Industrial Farm at Ani, Dalash P. O., via